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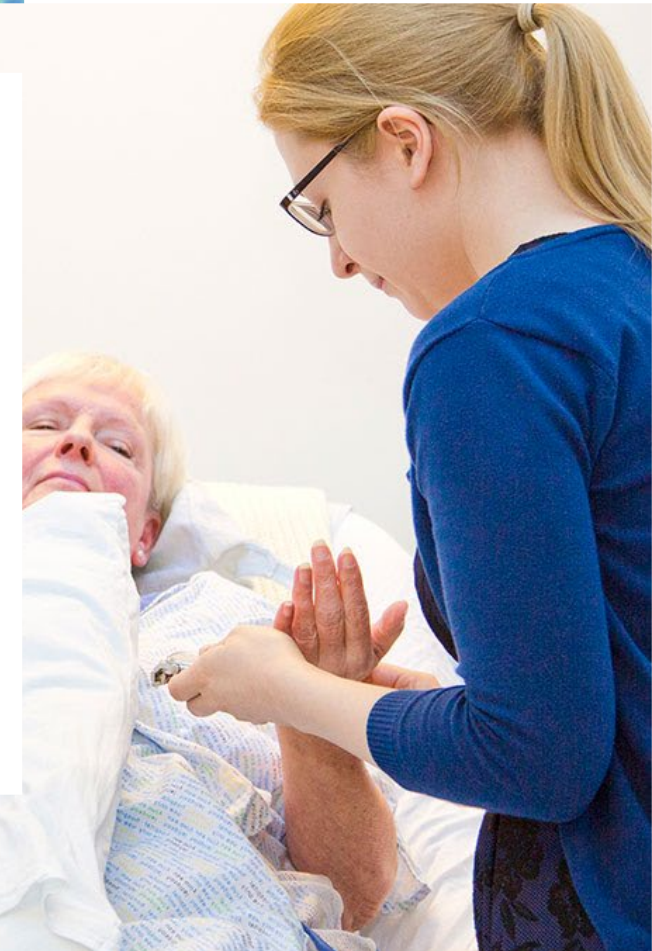
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Professionalism, DPOs and FOI Officers

A synopsis of what it means to be
professional

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Welcome

My Background

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What we will discuss

- What does it mean to be professional?
- The variation of terms (the noun, the verb, and the adjective)
- Can we apply the theory to our practice as DPOs and/ or FOIOs?





Being a Professional

Definition

- Professionals relate to or belong to a profession.
- Engaged in a specified activity as one's main paid occupation rather than as a pastime.
- Achieved a high-level of knowledge and skill .

Origins and evolution of professions

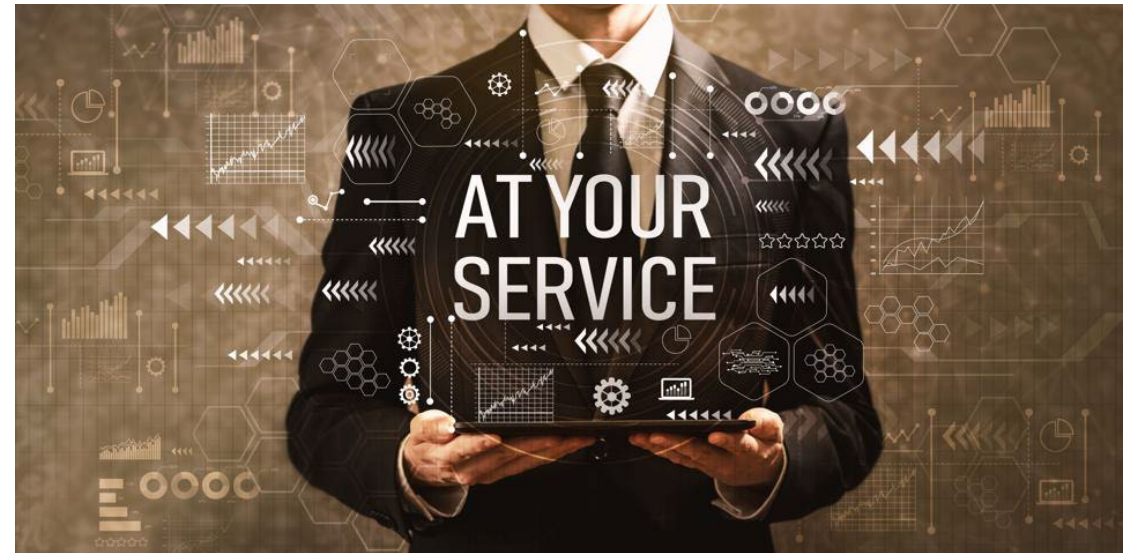
- Divinity, Medicine and Law?
- 20th Century interpretations
- 21st Century interpretations





So, what does it mean to be professional?

1. Nature of the work
2. The moral aspect
3. Collective Organisation
4. Status





Putting professionalism into practice

- Knowing
- Doing
- Helping
- Learning

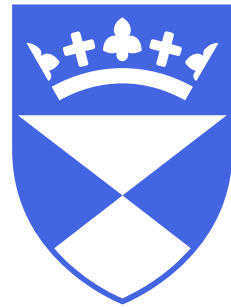




The FOIO and the DPO

- What does the law expect of these occupations?
- How are you managing to ensure you keep up to date?
- What are your experiences?
 - Expertise
 - Independence
 - Confidentiality





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